Docket No. 51275/147

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPLANTED MEDICAL DEVICES WITH ANTI-INFLAMMATORY COATINGS

the specification of which (check one)

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This application takes priority under 35 USC 120 from US Serial Nos. 09/056,707, filed 4/8/1998 and 09/771,669, filed 1/30/2001 and under 35 USC 119 from PC17US02/00476, filed 01/03/2002.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Law Offices of Dr. Melvin Blecher.

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